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In re Patent Application of:

Lori J. LEHMAN, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/966,982

Group Art Unit: 1651

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For: **NOVEL STRAIN OF STREPTOMYCES FOR  
CONTROLLING PLANT DISEASES**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 (Paper No. 15). The deadline to respond to this action was October 30, 2003, for which a three month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from October 30, 2003 to January 30, 2003.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

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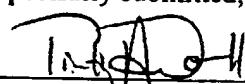
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311412001820. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated January 28, 2004

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